



PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY (PENZANCE DIVISION)  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1969

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1969 in compliance with the Ministry of Health Form Port 20.

SECTION I (STAFF)

Dr. J.A. Reid was appointed your Medical Officer of Health for the year ending 31st March 1970.



SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT WITHIN THE YEAR

TABLE 'B'

Ships from	Number	Net Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships Inspected as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Disease on Board.
			By M.O.H.	By Public	
British Coastwise	300	155,398	6	18	NIL
Foreign Coastwise	96	40,873	9	6	NIL
Foreign Fishing	264	6,420	21	7	-
	660	202,691	36	31	NIL

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF TRADE AND SHIPPING DURING YEAR

Character of Shipping - The Shipping using Penzance Harbour comprises mainly small Coastwise vessels up to approximately 500 net registered tons. There is a passenger and cargo service to the Isles of Scilly, which is daily in summer and three-times-weekly in winter. and additionally there is a Trinity House Depot and a Lighthouse tender based permanently in the Harbour area. There is a Dry Dock which can accommodate ships of up to 240 feet in length which is continuously in use and the West Dock is used for repairs for ships afloat. At Newlyn small coastwise and foreign going vessels call to load crushed stone from the Newlyn Quarry. At Newlyn British, French and Belgian trawlers and small French crabbers land fish for sale at the Fish Market there and generally use Newlyn Harbour as a Harbour of refuge.

The locally registered fishing fleet now comprises 100 vessels from 70 feet downwards, engaged in fishing operations from middle water trawling to local crabbing and long lining. This figure appears to be decreasing slowly.

Character of Trade - Imports at Penzance are Coal, Cement, artificial manures, and general goods from Home and Foreign ports, and flowers and vegetables from the Isles of Scilly. Exports from Newlyn are crushed stone of Home and Foreign ports and shell-fish







(lobsters) to France. Exports from Penzance are general goods to the Isles of Scilly. There is an active Fish Market at Newlyn Harbour, whose turnover for the last 4 months of the year was much reduced by an industrial dispute. The only passenger traffic in the Port Authority Area is that to and from the Isles of Scilly in the R.M.S. "Scillonian" and "Queen of the Isles". There is no passenger traffic between your ports and any foreign port.

TABLE 'C'

Passenger Traffic - This is now running at a total of approximately 60,000 a year.

Cargo Traffic - Principal Imports - Coal, cement, artificial manures, wood, general goods, flowers, vegetables, fish.

Principal Exports - General goods to the Isles of Scilly. Crushed stone to Home and Foreign Ports. Crushed stone exported amounts to 300,000 to 350,000 tons. This figure is approximately static.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive - Home Ports and Channel Ports of France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. There is virtually no direct trade with ports outside the home trade limits with the exception of occasional cargoes of box-wood from Southern and Eastern Europe, and cargoes of salt from Southern Spain.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

None

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

No change

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1952

No change

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Cases of Smallpox would be sent to the County Isolation Hospital at Truro.

2. Ambulance Transport and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews are the responsibility of the Cornwall County Council.

3. The County Medical Officer of Health - who has a panel of four Consultants - would be requested to supply the services of a small-pox Consultant.

4. Facilities for the Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox are available at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

There has been a marked increase again in the number of cases seen and treated and as these occur in seamen only in port for a few hours, follow up is impossible.

SECTION IX - NOTIFIABLE OR OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

No case of notifiable or infectious disease during the year 1969.







SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

Nil return

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

Nil return

SECTION XII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

No facilities for de-ratting of ships exists at Penzance or Newlyn.

Ships visited by Rodent Operator 23

Rodents killed in dock area warehouses 68

TABLES 'E' and 'F'

Nil returns

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE 'G'

INSPECTION OF NUISANCES

Nature and No. of Inspections	Notices served	Statutory Notices	Results of Serving Notices
-------------------------------	----------------	-------------------	----------------------------

Ships from

Foreign Ports 13

Coastwise Ships 18

Total 31

Nil

Other Notices - Serious defects in crews accommodation was pointed out to the Agents of one Belgian Trawler, and immediate steps were taken to correct these without the necessity of sending a formal order.

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1938

Not applicable

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Not applicable

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Nil return

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen  
Your obedient Servant  
(Signed) J.A. REID



